

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
John Bell	Present
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. January 21, 2016 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Boy Scouts. Mayor Seitz welcomed the Boy Scouts from Troop 130 from Ireland who were in attendance. They are working on a communications badge.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on February 16, 2016. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

DUBOIS STRONG

Ed Cole, president of Dubois Strong, gave an update on what Dubois Strong is doing. He mentioned such things as an extension of housing strategy, a certificate of occupancy, workforce attraction, marketing plan, SWIDEC, business expansion and retention, and a promotional video. He also said the organization's annual meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016.

APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett asked the council to approve a \$20,000 additional appropriation from the Local Police Continuing Education Fund in order to purchase a vehicle for the detective. Currently the detective drives a 2011 Equinox but it is not conducive for police work. If allowed, the 2011 Equinox will be transferred to city hall and two vehicles shared by city hall personnel, a 2004 Ford Explorer and a 2004 Crown Vic, will be traded in on the detective's new vehicle.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

This ordinance appropriates \$20,000 from the Local Police Continuing Education Fund to purchase a vehicle for the detective.

Mayor Seitz said a notice to taxpayers appeared in the Herald on February 6, 2016. He then asked for public comments. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-1. Motion carried 7-0.

FUNDING FOR PARKLANDS

Park Board President Roger Seger distributed copies of the initial general design and a cost analysis for the Parklands. He said the estimated cost to develop the Parklands and acquire an additional 25.6 acres of land is \$5,630,700. He asked the council for \$4 million to fund this project, \$1 million in 2016 and \$3 million in 2017. Seger said he felt he could raise \$1.5 million in private funding to go with the city's funding. He said they currently have \$250,000 in cash and another \$75,000 in an endowment. They will also seek some grants. Seger then presented a tentative schedule for the proposed development. The schedule lists November 2016 as the tentative date for construction to begin. City Attorney Renee Kabrick informed the council that funding for the project needs to be in place before contracts are awarded, therefore, if the construction bids are awarded

in 2016, the \$4 million would have to be appropriated in 2016. All the council members supported the project.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to draft an additional appropriation ordinance for up to \$4 million from the EDIT Fund for the Parklands project. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL NON-REVERTING CAPITAL FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

This ordinance establishes a Golf Pro Shop Non-reverting Fund to place a portion of the revenue from alcohol sales in this fund to accumulate money for a pro shop.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-2.

Under discussion Council member Nancy Eckerle asked if there is a long range golf plan. Instead of creating this Fund, she would like to see this money go for the maintenance of the current pro shop. In her opinion, the golf program should be operated at a profit. Council member David Hurst said in his opinion golf is a recreational activity just like the other City recreational activities.

Mayor Seitz then called for the vote. The motion to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-2 passed 6-1 with Council members Gregory Schnarr, John Bell, David Hurst, Earl Schmitt, Kevin Manley, and Dean Vonderheide voting aye while Council member Nancy Eckerle voted nay.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-64 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BEAVER DAM LAKE FUND

This ordinance amends the Beaver Dam Lake Fund so it can accept part of the fees collected for use of Beaver Dam Lake and the surrounding property.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-3. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-24 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE JASPER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BEAVER DAM LAKE FEES

This ordinance amends the ordinance charging fees for Beaver Dam Lake activities so a portion of the fees is placed in the Beaver Dam Lake Fund.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-4. Motion carried 7-0.

ADVISORY FINANCE COMMITTEE

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said she researched three or four other communities that have finance committees and based on information from those communities, she drafted a resolution creating an advisory finance committee. The council members expressed opinions whether or not such a committee is needed. After discussion, Council member David Hurst recommended tabling the matter until we see what budget information we receive and have time to study it then see if a committee is necessary. If this resolution is tabled, Council member Nancy Eckerle recommended tabling it from month to month instead of waiting several months.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member David Hurst to table the proposed resolution but keep it on the agenda. Motion carried 6-1 with Council members Gregory Schnarr, David Hurst, Earl Schmitt, Kevin Manley, Nancy Eckerle, and Dean Vonderheide voting aye while Council member John Bell voted nay.

JCAC REPORT

Jasper Community Arts Commission President Mike Jones attended the meeting on behalf of the Board. Since there are four new council members this year, he asked if this council is supportive of the cultural center project. He said the next important step is the November referendum passage that has to be completed by the library to actually move the project forward. He added that the fundraising committee would reconvene but he was concerned about fundraising without confirmation the library will be able to move forward. Council member John Bell suggested JCAC start fundraising before the November referendum. Council member Dean Vonderheide said he thinks the cultural center is a great project and they need to keep moving forward.

MOBILE/NON-PERMANENT FOOD SERVICES ORDINANCE

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said currently there is nothing in City ordinance regulating mobile or non-permanent food service trucks or trailers. There are two such businesses, Smalley Coffee located at 2955 Newton Street and a taco trailer located near Krempp Lumber that recently opened. There has been some preliminary discussion with the Jasper Action Team regarding such businesses. These two businesses did have to obtain a transient merchant license and a temporary use permit. Kabrick said in many areas, such businesses locate on public property but since these businesses are on private property the situation is more complicated.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member David Hurst to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer